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Title: Regarding expansion and modernization of Hubli Airport and to expedite the Bangalore International Airport.

SHRI MANJUNATH KUNNUR (DHARWAD SOUTH): Hon. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards expediting the work in connection with the expansion of Hubli Airport and modernization and completion of Bangalore International Airport.

Hubli is the second largest city in Karnataka and the heart of North Karnataka. It is very near to Mumbai, Goa, Humpi and Bangalore. It has got a lot of scope to develop socially, economically and educationally as part of Karnataka. Humpi is now a tourist spot and many national and international tourists are visiting this place day by day. There is an absolute necessity to expand the width and length of Hubli Airport, and it should be strengthened. Now, there is only Air Deccan flight facility. Other flights, like Indian Airlines, Jet Airways, are also required to provide the service to the public and tourists in the larger interests of this area.

Many industrialists and IT sector companies are ready to come here but because of lack of airport facility, they are not coming.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What is your demand?

SHRI MANJUNATH KUNNUR : Therefore, I would request the hon. Minister to upgrade this airport. Also, land is required. The Government of Karnataka has to provide 400 acres of land; and some houses have to be demolished in the larger interest of the public. I would request the hon. Minister to interfere in this matter immediately.